

MINUTES
OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 12TH, 2020 5:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Mike Brening

Mayor Pro Tem Solomon Ferguson

Councilmember Judy Foster Pike

Councilmember Quardez Warrior

Councilmember Jimmy Dyer

STAFF PRESENT:

City Manager Doug Westberry

City Clerk Lea Spell

City Attorney Nathan Lee

Chief Gray Couch

Mayor Brening called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall. Reverend J. D. Walker gave the invocation and Mayor Brening led the pledge of allegiance.

Motion made by Solomon Ferguson to approve the agenda, seconded by Judy Foster Pike. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Motion made by Jimmy Dyer, seconded by Quardez Warrior to approve the September 14th, 2020 regular council meeting minutes. Vote was 4 ayes with Mayor Brening abstaining.

Motion made by Judy Foster Pike, seconded by Solomon Ferguson to approve the September 2020 Treasurer's Report. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Motion made by Quardez Warrior, seconded by Jimmy Dyer to deny the request for a rate increase from Dependable Waste and to put the service out for bid. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Motion made by Mike Brening and seconded by Solomon Ferguson to approve Pay Request 11 for the USDA Water Treatment Plant project. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Motion made by Judy Foster, seconded by Solomon Ferguson to adopt the Resolution to Establish a Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and to set the millage rate at 17.867 mills. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Mayor Brening read aloud a Proclamation declaring the week of October 23rd – 31st, 2020 as Red Ribbon week in the City of Manchester. He thanked Ms. Veronica Dowell and Twin Cedars Youth & Family Services for their efforts with the event.

Mayor Brening informed the council that the Georgia Department of Transportation had completed installation of battery backup systems at 2 red lights in town. He noted that the remaining red lights would be completed in the near future.

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In regards to upcoming fall events, he stated that Halloween was still scheduled as planned for October 31st from 5:30PM until 8:00 PM. But he regretfully informed everyone that the Veteran's Day Parade had been cancelled. However, in order to show appreciation for Veteran's, a large banner would be hung across Main Street. Plans are to resume the parade in 2021.

Also recognized by Mayor Brening was the award of approximately \$32,000 worth of Narcan to the Fire and Police Departments for prevention of drug overdoses. He explained that this award required extensive training before it could be obtained. Also noted was that it had already been used to save a life in Manchester.

Mayor Brening discussed the recent use of the newly implemented T-SPLOST funding. He explained that potholes had been a continual complaint of Manchester citizens but the new funds and a local company (Pavement Solutions) were addressing the issue.

Councilmember Judy Foster Pike updated the Mayor and Council on recent activity by the Manchester Development Authority, particularly at the Mill. She explained that work continued on the Mill and also that Freedom Park, outside the Mill, had been renovated.

Motion made by Mayor Brening and seconded by Solomon Ferguson to enter into executive session at 6:05 PM to discuss personnel. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Motion made by Solomon Ferguson, seconded by Quardez Warrior to exit executive session at 7:08 PM.

Motion made by Solomon Ferguson, seconded by Judy Foster Pike to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 PM.

City Clerk Lea Spell

Mayor Mike Brening